

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

January 12, 2006

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday January 12, 2006 in room 39 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Bldg. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Venable, Chairman.

Present: Kerry Venable, Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Wes Schollander, Member
Stacey Manning, Member
Randy Blackwood, District Conservationist
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Christine Collins, Office Assistant
Charles Anderson, RC&D
Dick Everhart, NRCS DC Surry County
Bern Schumak, NC Clean Water Trust

1. Minutes/Financial Report

- A. Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for December were reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.
- B. Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Stacey Manning motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

- A. Charles Anderson (RC&D), Dick Everhart (NRCS, DC Surry County), and Bern Schumak (NC Clean Water Management Trust) gave presentations to the Board regarding stream bank restoration projects and opportunities for the Board to participate. There were two sessions, one at the beginning of the meeting the other near the end of the board meeting:

In session one, Charles Anderson presented the Board with a stream restoration project in Bethabara Park on Monarcas Creek. Mr. Anderson seeks Board concurrence on the project and the adoption of a resolution naming the board as sponsor of the project. As this was the initial presentation of the project the Board elected not to sign at this time until further review and additional information could be gathered.

In session two, Dick Everhart discussed several restoration projects completed in Surry Co. and informed them of the Surry Soil and Water Conservation District Board's role in this process. He also explained how the conservation easements were held, and offered a copy of Surry's contract between the Board and the landowner. Bern Schumak explained how the Clean Water Management Trustees review grants and some of the ways (Soil and Water Districts) can enhance the grant and the likelihood of a grant being funded.

The board will review the information given in the discussion and will continue researching the process for potential participation.

3. Cost Share Program Report

1. Bill George (34-05-07-12) Extension. Mike Bowman informed board that contact was made with Teresa Furr regarding an additional 6 month extension if a design is not received from NRCS by the end of the first 6 month extension. Teresa Furr advised that the design should be done prior to the contract being written therefore an extension could not be made. Kerry Venable would like Randy Blackwood to contact David Williams for clarification on this matter.
2. Contract Vernell Switzer (34-06-06-12) – 3 Year Conservation Tillage - \$2500. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Wes Schollander motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
3. Contract David Saunders (34-06-08-16) – 5 Year Sod Based Rotation \$4988. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.
4. Contract David Jones (34-06-09-16) – Long Term No Till - \$4625. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Wes Schollander motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.

4. Farmland Preservation

5. Old Business

- A. Mike Bowman advised board that Gordon Watkins, County Attorney is standing by the decision not to allow Terry Sapp to build a tenant dwelling on land under Farmland Preservation. Kerry Venable advised Mike Bowman to send a letter to Terry Sapp regarding the board's recommendation. Kerry Venable asked for a motion of approval. Wes Schollander motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.

6. New Business

- A. Proposed Filer Cloth Price Increase. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

February 9, 2006 8:30 AM

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Jerry Dorsett, Acting DSWC Area 2 Coordinator
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager